

APPENDIX C: DEQ OVERVIEW

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The mission of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is to drive improvements in environmental quality for the protection of public health and natural resources to benefit current and future generations. This will be accomplished through effective administration of agency programs and providing for the use of innovative strategies, while helping to foster a strong and sustainable economy.



OVERVIEW

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) was created in 1995 by Executive Order No. 1995-18, which transferred environmental regulatory programs from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to the newly created DEQ. The DEQ and DNR are responsible for the administration of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, and the administrative rules promulgated under its authority. In addition to the seven divisions listed below, the DEQ includes an Executive Division, Financial and Business Services Division, Office of Communications, Office of Criminal Investigations, Office of the Great Lakes, and Office of Civil Enforcement Coordination (see Figure C-1).

There are eight district offices throughout Michigan. Each division has field staff located at the district offices. See Table C-1 for the district contact list and Figure C-2 for the district boundaries and office locations.

THE DIVISIONS

Air Quality Division

The Air Quality Division (AQD) works with business and industry air pollution sources and with the general public to help maintain compliance with statutes that minimize adverse impacts on human health and the environment. Staff work to identify and reduce existing outdoor air pollution problems and to prevent significant deterioration of the air quality through air emission control programs, air monitoring, control strategy planning, permit issuance, and inspection of air emission sources. Contact the Air Quality Division at 517-373-7023.

Environmental Science and Services Division

The Environmental Science and Services Division (ESSD) oversees a number of outreach and assistance services leading to improvement in environmental quality, with an emphasis on pollution prevention. The ESSD provides services related to all environmental programs administered by the DEQ. The seven main service areas in the ESSD are compliance

assistance, environmental assistance, financial assistance, incentive programs, laboratory services, pollution prevention, and training. Contact the Environmental Assistance Center at 800-662-9278 and the Environmental Science and Services Division at 517-335-2419.

Land and Water Management Division

The Land and Water Management Division (LWMD) administers a variety of programs that help protect sensitive natural resources, including inland lakes and streams, wetlands, floodplains, sand dunes, and the Great Lakes. The LWMD is responsible for promoting the best use of these resources for their social and economic benefits while protecting associated resource values, property rights, the environment, and public health and safety. The LWMD provides technical assistance and regulatory oversight over activities such as dredging or filling wetlands, streams, inland lakes, and the Great Lakes; constructing or dismantling dams; constructing marinas, seawalls, or docks; building in a designated critical sand dune, wetland, or floodplain; and protecting underwater shipwreck resources. Contact the Land and Water Management Division at 517-373-1170.

Office of Geological Survey

The Office of Geological Survey (OGS) is responsible for assuring the efficient and orderly development of fossil fuel and mineral resources while protecting the environment, property, and public health and safety. The OGS oversees the locating, drilling, operating, and plugging of wells used for exploration and production of oil, gas, brine, and other minerals, including wells for underground storage and waste disposal. The OGS regulates the operation and reclamation of mines for rock products, metallic minerals, industrial sand, and coal. The OGS also develops and distributes a variety of maps, publications, and data on fossil fuels, minerals, and groundwater for industry and public use. Contact the Office of Geological Survey at 517-241-1515.

Remediation and Redevelopment Division

The Remediation and Redevelopment Division (RRD) administers Part 201, Environmental Remediation; Part 213, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks; and portions of Part 215, Refined Petroleum Fund, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA). In addition, the RRD manages portions of the federal Superfund program, established under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Together, these four statutes and the related administrative rules guide the RRD's efforts in the remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout Michigan. The RRD oversees regulated party cleanups, addresses public health and environmental threats at sites of environmental contamination, and facilitates brownfield redevelopment. The RRD also administers the Qualified Underground Storage Tank Consultant and Certified Professional (QC/CP) Program under Part 215 and the QC/CP rules. Corrective action cleanups required at Part 213 sites must be carried out by a state-certified QC/CP. Further, the RRD coordinates DEQ implementation of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, 1996 PA 381, as amended. Act 381 provides a method to finance environmental response activities at brownfield sites through tax increment financing. In addition, the RRD manages the Temporary Reimbursement Program for the benefit of certain eligible owners/operators of leaking

underground storage tanks who have not completed cleanups. Contact the Remediation and Redevelopment Division at 517-373-9837.

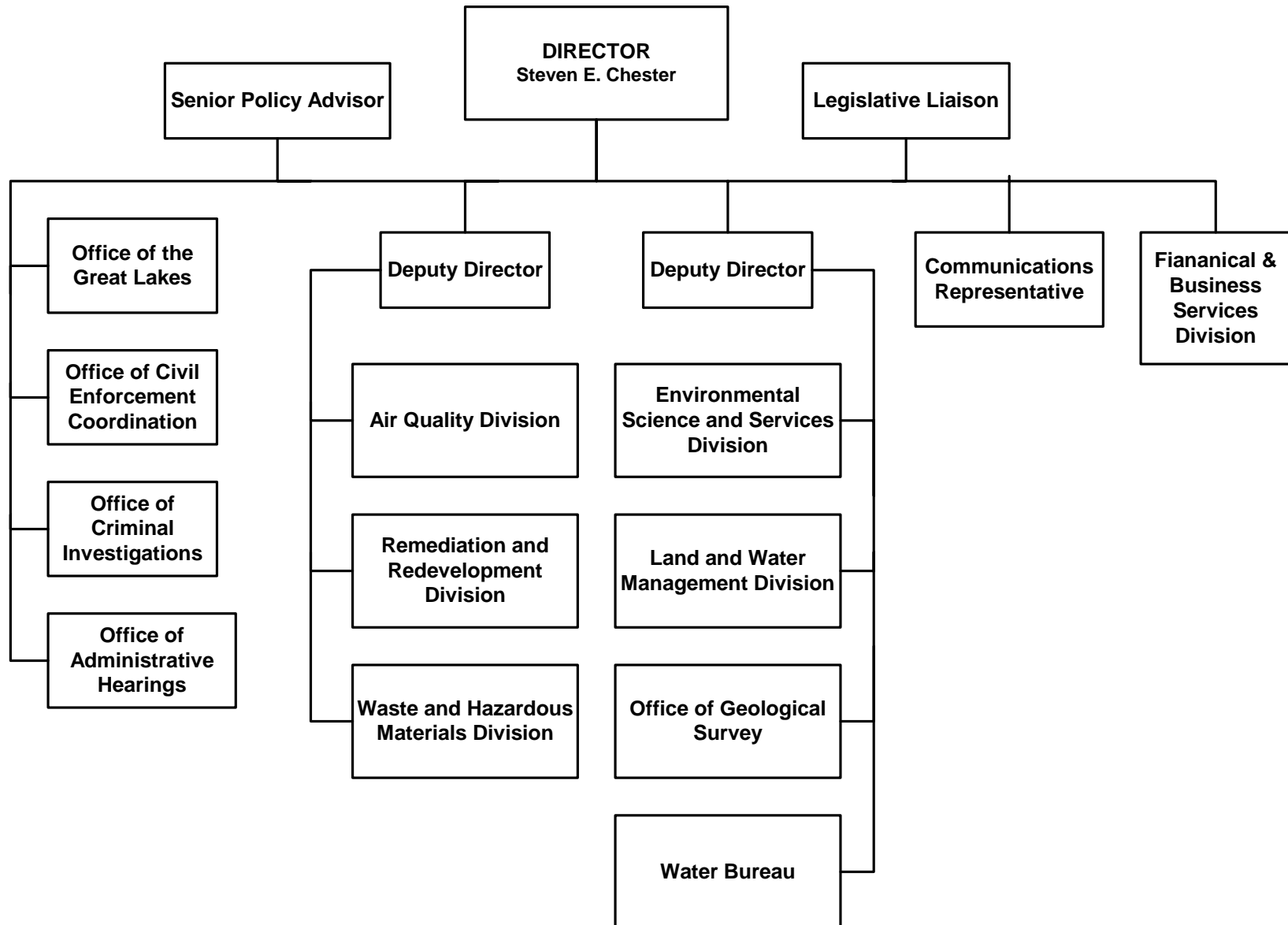
Waste and Hazardous Materials Division

The Waste and Hazardous Materials Division (WHMD) administers a diverse number of prevention programs to protect the environment and the public's health through proper management of hazardous products; solid, liquid, medical, and hazardous waste; and radioactive materials. The WHMD issues licenses and oversees the operation of hazardous and solid waste disposal areas, regulates the activities of hazardous waste and liquid industrial waste generators and transporters, oversees solid waste planning, regulates the hauling and disposal of scrap tires, and operates a grant program to address abandoned scrap tire piles. Radiological protection programs monitor radioactive materials used in medical, educational, industrial, and governmental facilities. The medical waste program regulates the handling, storage, treatment, and disposal of medical waste. The storage tank program oversees the design, construction, installation, and operations of certain underground storage tanks and aboveground storage tanks storing flammable and combustible liquids, liquefied petroleum gas, and compressed natural gas for the purposes of fire safety and preventing releases of regulated materials. Contact the Waste and Hazardous Materials Division at 517-335-2690.

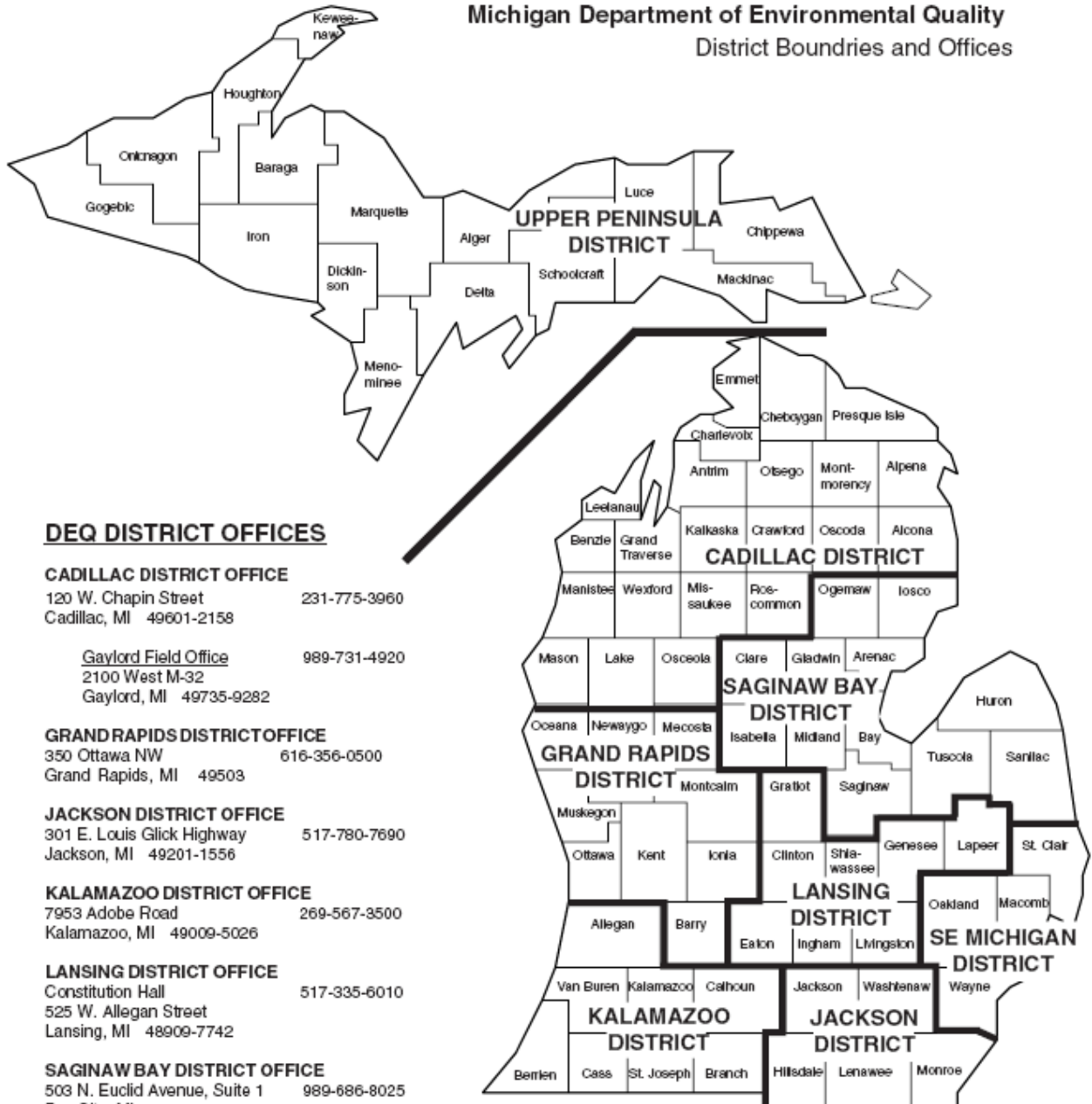
Water Bureau

The DEQ water programs establish water quality standards; assess water quality; provide regulatory oversight for all public water supplies; issue permits to regulate the discharge of industrial and municipal wastewaters; and monitor state water resources for water quality, the quantity and quality of aquatic habitat, the health of aquatic communities, and compliance with state laws. The bureau is responsible for plan review and approval for public water supplies, wastewater collection and treatment facilities; campground construction; and public swimming pool construction. Bureau staff assist local health departments with public education, site condominiums, land division and subdivision on-site water supply, sewage disposal issues, and accreditation of local health departments. The bureau also provides oversight to local soil erosion and sedimentation control programs. Well driller/pump installer registration, licenses for transporting septic tank waste, and certificates for registration of water haulers and water hauling containment are provided by the Water Bureau. Contact the Water Bureau at 517-241-1313.

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**Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
District Boundaries and Offices**



DEQ DISTRICT OFFICES

CADILLAC DISTRICT OFFICE

120 W. Chapin Street 231-775-3960
Cadillac, MI 49601-2158

Gaylord Field Office 989-731-4920
2100 West M-32
Gaylord, MI 49735-9282

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE

350 Ottawa NW 616-356-0500
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

JACKSON DISTRICT OFFICE

301 E. Louis Glick Highway 517-780-7690
Jackson, MI 49201-1556

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT OFFICE

7953 Adobe Road 269-567-3500
Kalamazoo, MI 49009-5026

LANSING DISTRICT OFFICE

Constitution Hall 517-335-6010
525 W. Allegan Street
Lansing, MI 48909-7742

SAGINAW BAY DISTRICT OFFICE

503 N. Euclid Avenue, Suite 1 989-686-8025
Bay City, MI 48706-2925

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN DISTRICT OFFICE

27700 Donald Court 586-753-3700
Warren, MI 48092-2793

Detroit Field Office 313-456-4700
Cadillac Place
3058 West Grand Boulevard, Suite 2-300
Detroit, MI 48202-6058

UPPER PENINSULA DISTRICT OFFICE

420 5th Street 906-346-8300
Gwinn, MI 49841

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

(for general information):

Telephone: 800-662-9278
Fax: 517-241-0673

POLLUTION EMERGENCIES

Telephone: 800-292-4706

DEQ WEB PAGE

www.michigan.gov/deq

DEQ LANSING HEADQUARTERS

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

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525 W. Allegan Street
P.O. Box 30473
Lansing, MI 48909-7973
(517) 373-7917



DEQ DISTRICT OFFICES

Upper Peninsula District

420 Fifth Street
Gwinn, MI 49841-3004
906-346-8300; Fax: 906-346-4480
Counties: Entire Upper Peninsula

Cadillac District

120 W Chapin Street
Cadillac, MI 49601-2158
231-775-3960; Fax: 231-775-4050
Counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Osceola, or Wexford

Gaylord Office

2100 West M-32
Gaylord, MI 49735-9282
989-731-4920; Fax: 989-731-6181
Counties: Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, or Roscommon

Saginaw Bay District

Saginaw Bay District Headquarters
503 N Euclid Avenue
Bay City, MI 48706-2965
989-686-8025; Fax: 989-684-9799
Counties: Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Huron, Iosco, Isabella, Midland, Ogemaw, Saginaw, Sanilac, or Tuscola

Grand Rapids District

350 Ottawa NW, 5th Floor
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-356-0500; Fax: 616-356-0201
Counties: Barry, Ionia, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, or Ottawa

DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATIONS *(continued)*

Kalamazoo District

7953 Adobe Road

Kalamazoo, MI 49009-5026

269-567-3500;

Fax: 269-567-9440

Counties: Allegan, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo St. Joseph, or Van Buren

Lansing District

Constitution Hall

525 W. Allegan St., 4N

P.O. Box 30242

Lansing, MI 48909-7742

517-335-6010;

Fax: 517-241-3571

Counties: Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Ingham, Lapeer, Livingston, or Shiawassee

Jackson District

State Office Building, 4th Floor

301 E Louis B Glick Highway

Jackson, MI 49201-1556

517-780-7690;

Fax: 517-780-7855

Counties: Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe, or Washtenaw

Southeast Michigan District

27700 Donald Court

Warren, MI 48092-2793

586-753-3700;

Fax: 586-751-4690

Counties: Macomb, Oakland, or St. Clair

Detroit Office

Cadillac Place, Suite 2-300

3058 West Grand Blvd.

Detroit, MI 48202-6058

313-456-4700;

Fax: 313-456-4662

Counties: Wayne